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WHITE HOUSE PASS PALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM PHNOM PENH APR 7

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 6034

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, MASS, PINT, PINS, MOPS, CB, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FORD FROM GKR ACTING PRESIDENT

SAUKHAM KHOY

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM ACTING PRESIDENT SAUKHAM KHOY  
THE FOLLOWING HAND-WRITTEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD  
WHICH HE ASKS ME TO TRANSMIT BY THE MOST RAPID MEANS POSSIBLE.  
THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT IS IN ENGLISH. THE LETTER WILL BE  
POUCHED TO EA/LC FOR DELIVERY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. PHNOM PENH, 6 APRIL 1975

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS THE AMERICAN CONGRESS RECONVENES TO RECONSIDER YOUR  
URGENT REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE KHMER  
REPUBLIC, I APPEAL TO YOU TO CONVEY TO THE AMERICAN LEGISLATORS  
OUR PLEA NOT TO DENY THESE VITAL RESOURCES TO US, IF A NON-  
MILITARY SOLUTION IS TO EMERGE FROM THIS TRAGIC 5 YEAR OLD  
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CONFLICT.

AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, I WILL  
BEND ALL MY ENERGY TO CORRECT SOME OF OUR FAILINGS WHICH  
MAY HAVE HAMPERED OUR EFFORTS IN THE PAST. THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WILL ALSO LEAVE NO  
STONE UNTURNED IN THE SEARCH FOR AN EARLY POLITICAL  
SOLUTION TO THE TRAGEDY OF MY COUNTRY. IN THIS SEARCH, IT  
IS NOT A MATTER OF PERSONALITIES, BECAUSE ALL OF US HERE  
BELIEVE THAT THE WELFARE OF OUR COMPATRIOTS IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN THE FATE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF PEOPLE.

TO FIND A PEACEFUL END TO THE CONFLICT WE NEED  
TIME. I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH TIME, BUT WE ALL FULLY  
REALIZE THAT THE AGONY OF THE KHMER PEOPLE CANNOT AND  
MUST NOT GO ON MUCH LONGER. HOWEVER, FOR THE IMMEDIATE  
FUTURE, WE NEED THE RICE TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND THE  
AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THOSE  
WHO WANT TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL BY FORCE OF ARMS. A  
DENIAL BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE MEANS FOR US TO  
CARRY ON WILL LEAVE US NO ALTERNATIVE BUT INEVITABLY  
ABANDONING OUR SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION WHICH WILL GIVE OUR  
CITIZENS SOME FREEDOM OF CHOICE AS TO THEIR FUTURE.

FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS NOW THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE  
HAVE PLACED THEIR TRUST IN AMERICA. I CANNOT BELIEVE  
THAT THIS CONFIDENCE WAS MISPLACED AND THAT SUDDENLY  
AMERICA WILL DENY US THE MEANS WHICH MIGHT GIVE US A  
CHANCE TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO OUR CONFLICT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE EXPRESSION  
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION . (SIGNED) SAUKHAM KHOY.  
END TEXT.  
DEAN  
UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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